

Facilities Update-Wednesday, February 08, 2006

In the fall of 2005 many facilites in Everglades National Park were damaged by hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. The Flamingo area suffered storm surges that flooded nearly all facilities in that area and filled the Florida Bay side of the Flamingo Marina with mud. While recovery efforts continue, most of the facilites in the park are open and accessible.

Status of Park Facilites

Facility	Status
Visitor Centers & Bookstores	
Ernest F. Coe	OPEN 8:00 AM – 5:00PM
Royal Palm	OPEN, bookstore planned opening 2/18/06
Flamingo	OPEN 8:30 AM – 5:00PM
Shark Valley	OPEN 8:45 AM – 5:15PM
Gulf Coast	OPEN 8:00 AM – 4:30PM
Walking Trails	
Anhinga Trail	OPEN
Gumbo Limbo Trail	OPEN
Pinelands Trail	OPEN
Pahayokee Overlook	OPEN
Mahogany Hammock	OPEN
West Lake	OPEN
Eco Pond	CLOSED, unsafe conditions
Bobcat Boardwalk	OPEN
Otter Cave Hammock	OPEN
Sandfly Island Trail	OPEN
Wilderness Hiking Trails	
Long Pine Key Nature Trail	OPEN
Old Ingraham Highway	OPEN
Snake Bight Trail	OPEN
Rowdy Bend Trail	OPEN
Christian Point Trail	CLOSED, trail not cleared
Coastal Prairie Trail	CLOSED, trail not cleared
Canoe Trails	
Nine Mile Pond Canoe Trail	OPEN
Noble Hammock Canoe Trail	OPEN
Hells Bay Canoe Trail	OPEN
Mud Lake Canoe Trail	OPEN
Bear Lake Canoe Trail	OPEN
Turner River Canoe Trail	OPEN
Halfway Creek Canoe Trail	OPEN, to left- hand Turner
Wilderness Waterway	OPEN, the Nightmare is blocked between Broad River & Broad Creek.
Camping	
Long Pine Key Campground	OPEN
Flamingo Campground	OPEN, A & T loops only
Marinas & Ramps	
West Lake	OPEN
Coot Bay Canoe Launch	OPEN
Whitewater Bay Boat Ramp	OPEN
Florida Bay Boat Ramp	OPEN
Flamingo Marina Store & Gas Station	CLOSED
Gulf Coast Canoe Launch	OPEN
Food & Lodging	
Royal Palm	Vending machines
Flamingo Lodge & Cabins	CLOSED
Flamingo Restaurant	CLOSED
Buttonwood Cafe	CLOSED
Flamingo Marina Store & Gas Station	CLOSED
Shark Valley Concession	Vending machines
Gulf Coast Concession	Vending machines and snacks

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Facility	Status
Boat & Tram Tours	
Florida Bay Boat Tours	CLOSED
Backcountry Boat Tours	CLOSED
Shark Valley Tram Tours	OPEN, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Gulf Coast Boat Tours	OPEN, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Canoe & Bike Rentals	
Flamingo Marina Rentals	CLOSED
Shark Valley	OPEN, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Gulf Coast Visitor Center	OPEN, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Backcountry Campsites	
Alligator Creek	OPEN
Broad River	CLOSED, chickee will be rebuilt in a new location
Camp Lonesome	OPEN
Canepatch	OPEN
Cape Sable	OPEN
East Cape Sable	OPEN
Middle Cape Sable	OPEN
Northwest Cape Sable	OPEN
Carl Ross Key	CLOSED for wildlife protection
Clubhouse Beach	OPEN
Darwin's Place	OPEN
East Clubhouse Beach	OPEN
Ernest Coe	OPEN
Graveyard Creek	CLOSED, planned opening 2/10/06
Harney River	OPEN
Hell's Bay	OPEN
Highland Beach	OPEN
Hog Key	OPEN
Ingraham	OPEN
Joe River	OPEN
Kingston Key	CLOSED, chickee will be rebuilt in a new location
Lane Bay	OPEN
Lard Can	OPEN
Little Rabbit Key	OPEN
Lopez River	OPEN
Lostman's Five	OPEN
Mormon Key	OPEN
New Turkey Key	OPEN
North Nest Key	OPEN
North River	OPEN
Oyster Bay	OPEN
Pavilion Key	OPEN
Pearl Bay	OPEN
Picnic Key	OPEN
Plate Creek	OPEN
Rabbit Key	OPEN
Roberts River	OPEN
Rodgers River	OPEN
Shark River	OPEN
South Joe River	OPEN
Sunday Bay	OPEN
Sweetwater	OPEN
Tiger Key	OPEN
Turkey Key	OPEN
Watson's Place	OPEN
Watson River	OPEN
Willy Willy	OPEN

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